

Framland Focus

MAY 2010



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Chapter Plus Meeting Report Held At Hoby Methodist Church 8th May 2010 -Ted Hutchin

The evening began with a short introduction by myself to the Chapter Plus idea as a forum for lay and ordained leaders from both the Anglican and Methodist churches in the area to meet, discuss topics of some interest and to help us to develop closer partnerships in our respective ministries.

The main thrust of the evening however was to listen to what Rev Richard had to say on the subject of prayer and our sense and understanding of spirituality entitled “Rhythm Rules”.

We started by being asked to sit quietly, and on our own to consider just how the daily rhythm of our daily life is composed between such aspects as Work, Prayer, Leisure, Sleep, Family, and Study and so on. I found this to be rather illuminating as I had to recognise that the balance of my life is not quite what it could be! I had to ask myself if I thought the allocation was satisfactory, which I felt it was not! And then to consider what was stopping me from changing it.

These were not the only questions and as this part of the evening progressed I felt able to be much more honest with myself. Questions such as how much time do I spend on reflection, do I laugh enough and when did I last do something I really wanted to do all helped me to focus on my daily rhythm and where there was, and is, room for improvement.

When they had time, in small groups, time to discuss what we had discovered, and again it was very interesting to find that those things that seemed to suggest my own lack of balance was replicated in others.

And so the evening raised some very interesting and powerful aspects of living a Christian life in our turbulent world. It reminded me of how easy it is to lose that focus, that stillness, where we can truly hear the voice of God; being still, knowing that at the moment of stillness the voice of God is more clearly heard, and at the same time have our calling to ministry, to mission affirmed. The evening closed with prayer, the tea and coffee had been consumed and the shortbread provided by Rev. Martin – who did sterling work with respect to not just the refreshments, but also ensuring we had a room to meet!

It is hoped that our next meeting which will be scheduled to take place in October and probably in Melton Mowbray, will focus on the whole subject of mission in the rural context with specific reference to our mission partnership and the evening will be led by Rev Sue and Rev Richard. I and my small organising committee will be meeting before then to consider what other topics we might feel are of value to all of us, if you have any ideas you would like to put forward then please do not hesitate to contact me direct at ted.reader1@ntlworld.com and your suggestions will be considered.

Back to Church Sunday 2010

This event will take place on **26th September 2010**. Meanwhile, the website can be found by clicking on this link: www.backtochurch.co.uk

Here you can watch the promo video on You Tube or email the organisers direct to see what is going on. On the plus side, this sort of event is an easy one to set up and especially useful for congregations who find the whole concept of mission difficult: simply invite a friend to come to church with you. The sort of issues that need thinking through are whether you

put on a special type of service or just do whatever you normally do. A special service might raise false hopes if and when the visitors return for a second week and find it totally different - but on the other hand, if the regular service is not easy to explain, something simpler might seem like a good idea. Then there is the question of how you are going to make people feel welcome: will there be refreshments and a chance to chat either before or after the service? Are there other events you can advertise at the service - perhaps a new group is about to start, or there is going to be a social event in the near future...Can you give people anything to take away that says something about the church and its aims?

Whatever you do, whether you are a visitor, a regular attendee or a host church, your feedback would be much appreciated.

Sue Paterson, Mission Partnership Development Officer: spaterson@leicester.anglican.org

Parishes known to have participated in

2009: The Ironstone Villages Churches, Ab Kettleby with Holwell and Asfordby.

The South West Framland cluster, Old Dalby Group. **Meeting for those interested** in participating on Wednesday 19th May, Sage Cross Methodist Church, Melton Mowbray. 8pm. With Barry Hill.

Advance Notices:

Diocesan Day Conference on Rural Mission

Saturday 10th July, 10am-4pm (registration and drinks from 9:30am), Broughton Astley Village Hall (just south of the city)

This major one off conference is a key opportunity to explore key themes in rural mission. With keynote presentations from rural mission specialist and new Bishop of Shrewsbury, Rt. Rev'd. Mark Rylands, the day also includes;

- an encouragement to rural mission with Bishop Christopher Boyle;
- ‘Resourcing Mission’, seminar with Archdeacon David Newman;

‘Rural Children, Rural Church’ seminar with RE Adviser & Cathedral Education Officer, Janet Ingram & Children’s Work Advisor, John Fryer;

- ‘Fresh Expressions in a Rural Context’ seminar with Tim Shaw, lay leader of Café plus+, a Fresh Expression in a rural Buckinghamshire village;
- ‘Church Tourism & Mission: making effective use of our buildings’ seminar with member of the Rural Action Group & rural Team Rector, Peter Hooper;
- ‘Fruitful rural Mission Partnerships’ seminar with Mission Enabler, Barry Hill;
- Good local food and drink!

Everyone interested in rural mission is welcome, but especially applicable for a group from the same church to attend. The heavily subsidised day costs only £5 per a person (Inc, lunch) When

four people book from the same church, a fifth can come for free! Places limited to 150 so books soon to be sure of your places!

To book your place contact Carol email: carol.gibbons@leccofe.org or 0116 248 7435) or for more information click on <http://sbg.dioceseofleicester.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Rural-Mission-Flyer-Final1.pdf>

Dates for your Diaries: Saturday 3rd. July to Saturday 17th. July 2010.

ST WULFRAM’S CHURCH, GRANTHAM is holding a

“FESTIVAL of MUSIC and THE ARTS.”

A bonanza of music from Jazz, R & B, Virtuoso Performers, Swing, Organ, Choirs, Quartet and Orchestral, with an Art Exhibition by local Artists.

PLUS Workshops in Textiles, Flower Arranging, Painting, and Photography,

And a Guided Talk on our magnificent Windows & Tracery.

Some things cannot be missed!!

Full details will be posted on our interesting web-site soon: www.Stwulframs.org.uk meanwhile, give yourself a reminder on your calendar or in your diary.

Visitors to St Wulfram’s are welcome throughout the summer months, most Days 10 am to 4 pm, check on –line for details + coffee shop opening.

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STATHERN FESTIVAL IS FAST APPROACHING!

June will soon be here and the church will be hosting or contributing to a number of events. More details are in the official programme available from Stathern Stores at £1.50 but you may like to note the church's events:

Friday 11 June – Summer Ball in the Red Lion marquee with fabulous food and music (dancing to The Fix) and an auction to help church funds. Tickets £60. Great fun, great value and great company!

Sunday 13 June – Fun Dog Show with special children's events and tea. An added attraction will be a display of vintage tractors from 1pm and a Megagility display.

Wednesday 16 June – Festival Concert with the Persiflage Saxophone quartet, singers from Magdala Opera Group and an excellent supper – the theme this year is **Romance!** Tickets are £11 including the themed supper. Concert starts at 7.30.

Saturday 19 June – At the Church during Party in the Park from 2 - 5pm: tower climb, model exhibition (bring your models to display – all ages welcome) and a paper aeroplane competition. The Party in the Park itself runs from 12.00 noon till 10.30 pm with a great selection of live local bands.

Sunday 20 June – Strawberry Tea and skittles in a village garden, from 2.30 – 5.00pm. Entry is £3 adults and £1.50 children.

Sunday 27 June – Thanksgiving Service at 6.00pm for our village and the Festival with a fascinating speaker from the Mission Aviation Fellowship.

For the latest information see our website: www.stathernfestival.co.uk

Email: stathernfestival@stathernvillage.co.uk or ring Sally Fagan on 01949 860167

Belvoir Team

Christian Artists Together - Prophetic Art Workshop

Evening of 30 July - late afternoon 31 July
Cost: £20. Friday Meal, Saturday Lunch & Tea Breaks

Venue: Valley Christian Centre, (Old Methodist Chapel), Main Street, Harby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 4BN. Local Accommodation Available: **Contact:** Donna 075 9090 9770. www.christianartiststogether.co.uk or christianartiststogether@googlemail.com

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Churches Together in Melton Mowbray

This monthly Churches Together in Melton Mowbray (CTIMM) Events Diary, is distributed with all member churches own notices. **CTIMM events are printed in bold.** Other events are hosted and/or supported by individual member churches, to which everyone is warmly invited.

Every Tuesday - COFFEE MORNINGS 9.30 To 11.30 am at the United Reformed Church. 10.00 To 11.15 am at Sage Cross Methodist Church.

Every Tuesday - REFRESHMENTS & PRAYER 10.00 To 12.00 noon at **St John the Baptist RC Church, Thorpe End.**

Refreshments available until 10.45 am, followed by a period of quiet prayer until noon.

Every Friday - SHOPPERS SERVICE 11:00 am at **Sage Cross Methodist Church** with refreshments served from 10:30 am. The service lasts about 25 minutes, offering a quiet space in the busyness of people's lives. On the first Friday of each month the Shoppers Service is followed by a Community lunch at 12.00 noon.

Every Tuesday Refreshments and Prayer 10.00 to 12.00 noon at **St John the Baptist RC Church, Thorpe End.** Refreshments available until 10.45 am. Followed by a period of quiet prayer until noon.

For further information about CTIMM, please contact the Moderators for 2009/10, Carol Ellis on 01664 567371 or Catherine Shenton on 01664 850422, or email: c.a.shenton@ntlworld.com to place a notice in the Events Diary, please contact Mark Twitney on 857997, or e-mail: mark@twitney.net the deadline to submit notices for the June Events Diary is 15th June.

Mother's Union

MOTHERS' UNION The meeting in the Samworth Centre at 2pm on Friday 21st May will include a talk entitled **“So....this is me”** by **the Rector.**

MOTHERS' UNION A Deanery Quiet Day has been arranged for Monday 24th May. This will be at Rempstone Convent & will be led by Revd Susan Paterson.

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MOTHERS' UNION on Friday 18th June at 2pm in the Samworth Centre, Mrs C. Gattfield will talk about "Dove Cottage". All welcome.

Waltham Church

Cool Club Come and breakfast with us!! 9.45am-11.30am at Waltham Village Hall. For children (0-11), and their families.

Stories, activities, drama and songs on a Christian theme.

Come and celebrate the Churches Birthday.

ALL WELCOME Bacon/sausage cobs & Sunday papers available!

Information from: Rev'd Harriet Orridge – 01664 464452. £1 per child (max £3 per family)

Bottesford Methodist Chapel

Lite Bite Lunches are held at the Bottesford Methodist Chapel, Devon Lane, on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12 a.m. It is also held on any fifth Wednesday of the month. Choice of soups and puddings for £1.75! Fellowship and a Chat.

Long Clawson - St. Remigius Church

Wednesday March 24th St. Remigius- Quiet Hour 10.00 a.m. -a time to think, pray, remember, meditate, and followed at 11.00 by coffee and a time to chat. (Every 4th Wednesday of the month)

St. John's Church - Muston Coffee Mornings.

Coffee, Chat and Fellowship and Bring and Buy Stall. – Every Tuesday in the Old School, Muston. 10.30am – 12.00noon. Everyone Welcome.

Family Service Led by Peter Daniel. Is held every 2nd Sunday in the Month at 10.30am. It is a new informal and friendly service for all your family young and old alike. Why not join us? We would be pleased to see you. Coffee and Biscuits are served after the service.

Dove Cottage Tea Rooms – Canal Lane Stathern.

Open Daily - Charity Shop also available upstairs.
Monday to Friday 10.30am – 4.00pm.
Saturday/Sunday 10.30am – 4.30pm. Menu varied including soup and a roll, sandwiches, Panini's, afternoon teas and ranges from £1.00 to £5.00. All profits go to Dove Cottage Day Hospice. **NB: Charity Shop is not open on Sunday.**

Edmondthorpe Church

Prayer Meeting. St Michael's and All Angels at 5.30pm every Tuesday.
Sproxton

Sproxton Cell Group meets weekly. Please contact Nick or Margaret Cooke (01476 860745) for details.

Framland Mission Partnership has a website. Please take a look.

www.framlandmissionpartnership.com Framland Focus is also available on line at this address.

Music

Concert at St John the Baptist, Old Dalby, 7.30pm

Summer Serenade: Friday, 21st May

The Rev'd Jeff Hopewell, accompanied by the Rev'd Simon Lumby, in a programme of English Song, including Gilbert & Sullivan and Flanders & Swan, also the Beaufort Wind Quintet.

Tickets £7.50, including wine and nibbles – phone 01664 820064 or e-mail jshopewell@btinternet.com

"Rector's Revels" An Event at Stapleford Church

Friday 4th June at 7.30

"Baroque to Rock"

Laughter, Wine, Sonatas, Songs, Surprises With the King Burrell Band featuring:

- Martin Burrell (Ex-Principal Clarinet Scottish Opera)
- Richard King (Ex-Principal Bassoon Hallé Orchestra)
- And six more glittering musicians

Tickets £10 (concessions available) From 01572 787238, rking1@hotmail.com

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St. Luke's Church – Gaddesby

'Midsummer Medley': a concert by **Ratcliffe Chorale:** Venue: St. Luke's Church, Gaddesby:
Date: Saturday 26 June at 7.30pm.

Tickets, to include a glass of wine or fruit juice and light refreshments, are £7.50 adults, £2.50 children under 14.

They will be available at the door, or in advance from **Daphne Tucker 01664 841184, or David Wyrko 01664 840385.**

CANTARE Choir

Choir in Leicestershire. Under the musical direction of Ian Toon who many of you will know as the accompanist of the recently folded Melton parish Singers, the choir meets on Friday evenings at Scalford Methodist Church. Singing a selection of secular and religious songs. **The choir can be booked by calling the Secretary Simon Bracewell on 07970 409969 or by email: cantare@live.co.uk.**

St. Mary's Melton Mowbray Limestone Organ Recitals.

Commence 1.10pm. Admission is Free. Refreshments Available. Retiring Collection in aid of the Church Organ Fund.

25th May: Michael Anthony. Nottingham & District Society of Organists

June 8th: Keith Morgan

MUSIC AT ST. MARY'S MELTON MOWBRAY

The Kibworth Band: With Musical Director John Hudson in concert at St Mary's Church:
Date: Saturday 19th June Time: 7:30pm.

Tickets : £6 can be obtained in advance from the Parish Office on weekdays, from 10am to noon. Or at the door.

The Nicholas Branston Foundation at Oakham School: Music Course

A music course for young instrumentalists and singers will take place in Oakham School from the **16th to the 20th of August.** It is a wonderful opportunity to work with some of the country's leading young professional players. All details can be

Found on www.nbmusiccourses.org or by ringing 01664 452198.

It's funded by a charity that we set up after the death of our older son and although it isn't strictly to do with a church, we raise most of the money through concerts, singing at weddings and through the support of Christian people in the area.

Cranmer Company of Singers & Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 29th May: 7.30pm. **Venue:** St. Mary's Church, Bottesford. Tickets £8.00 (Adults), £5 (Children), inclusive of glass of wine

at the interval. Tickets available at the door, however, it is wise to book in advance as this concert is always popular. Tel: 01949 850364.

Activities:

St. Mary's Church, Bottesford

Grand Plant Sale and Summer Fete

Annual Plant Sale and Summer Fete: Saturday 12th June, 10.00am – 2.00pm. (4pm for plants).

Venue: Underace, Easthorpe. Come and See our Scarecrow, as part of the Bottesford Scarecrow Festival. **By Kind permission of Mrs. Pim Mabbitt. Hanging Baskets can be ordered by telephoning 01949 843482.**

Many attractions including: Bouncy Castle and balloons, Children's games, Raffle, Tombola, Fair-trade stand, Home made cakes, Preserves, Hanging Baskets, Vegetable and Bedding plants and much much more.

Morning Coffee: 10.30-11.30, BBQ 11.30 – 2.00pm

Garden is also open.

Bottesford C of E Primary School

Bottesford Scarecrow Festival

Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th June

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This year's theme, chosen by pupils is
'World Cup Countries'

The 8th annual Bottesford Scarecrow Festival, organised by 'Friends' of Bottesford Primary School, will be held over the weekend of 12th and 13th June ending with a traditional Fayre on Sunday 13th June at the school from 12 noon until 4.00PM

With this year's theme of **'WORLD CUP COUNTRIES'** we expect to see over 40 decorated Scarecrows, which might range from famous football stars past or present to a 'loose' connection to football with a chosen world cup country.

By buying a Scarecrow trail for £1, visitors can view the talents of Bottesford, Muston, Normanton, and Easthorpe before announcing the winners on Sunday at the Fayre. This year we have introduced a trail quiz as well as chance to vote for your favourite Scarecrow, the people's choice, which will be drawn at the Fayre, winning themed prizes.

At the Fayre, back by popular demand, is hobby horse racing for children and adults, sports day games, trade and charity stalls, bouncy castles, as well as a 'Friends' stalls, all helping to raise funds for the primary school.

There will be a licensed bar and the Lions famous BBQ, along with refreshments on sale. **Entry to the fair on Sunday is free.**

Says the head teacher of Bottesford Church of England Primary School, Louise McGroary "This is a lovely family event well organised by our very supportive 'Friends'. We will also be joined by our guest children from Chernobyl who will see

firsthand what antics we get up to in a traditional English village."

Trails can be purchased from The Spa store, Ye Olde Rutland Cafe, The Deli and Little Jacks Farm and do not **forget Sunday (12 noon until 4pm)** – join in the fun and see who is voted Highly Commended (five prizes) and Best Overall Winner 2010

Dove Cottage Hospice.

Summer Fete Sunday 16th May. 1.30pm.

Great Fun for all the family £2 per car. At Dove Cottage Day Hospice – Canal Lane, Stathern. www.dovecottage.org Songs of praise@4pm

Orston

Art Exhibition: Orston Village Hall (Vale of Belvoir – NB13 9NG). Saturday 22 and Sunday 23rd May. 10.30am – 5.00pm

Free Admission: Local artists, variety of media, most work for sale. Tea/Coffee and home made cakes available.

Preview Evening: Friday 21st May 7.30pm – 9.30pm. £5 including glass of wine and nibbles. For more information 01949 851602.

St. Michael's Church – Harston

The Tree of Life Exhibition: 12th – 25th June:

Two weeks to discover, explore and re-imagine Trees of Life Around Harston. **Preview: Saturday 12th June, 3pm – 5pm.**

Tour by Jean Lamb on The Tree of Life Exhibition 3-30pm.

Talk by Michael Trendall on The Dream of The Rood 4pm.

Performance by Henry McGrath on The Tree of Life 4-30pm.

Open Daily 10-12/2-4 Including Sundays and by appointment. Exhibition continues until Friday 25th June.

South Croxton

South Croxton Garden Fete, 2.30pm June 12th

Twyford St Andrew's

June 12th: Young Clarion concert at 5pm, ticket £3 and £2 to include afternoon tea.

July 31st Twyford St Andrew's Market stalls (cakes & preserves) **at Melton market (all day).**

Thorpe Satchville

Open Gardens 12th and 13th June

Ashby Folville

June 19th Garden Fete 2-30pm

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St Luke's Gaddesby

Sept 17th – 19th Gaddesby flower festival.

St Egelwin's Scalford

Car Boot Sale: June 20th. 12.30pm

£7 per car. Bacon Butties, Cakes, Bouncy Castle. 50p entrance fee.

St. John's Church – Muston

Murder, Mystery, Cheese and Wine Evening. 22nd May. This will be held in The Old School starting at 7 pm. The event will be by ticket only - £7.50 per person – available from Church Wardens Hugh Wadsworth – 01949 842672 or John Ives – 01949 843179.

Hopefully, this will be a fun evening with everyone trying to work out who dun it!

THRUSSINGTON TRINITY FAYRE

On the Village Green: Saturday 12th June 2010, 10.30am - 2pm: Many stalls, including Tombola, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Children's' games, and refreshments.

Proceeds to be shared between the School PTFa and the Church.

Thorpe Arnold Church

Saturday July 10th

Cream Teas: **Venue:** Gill and David Sharp, 1 Balmoral Road, Melton. Time: 2.30pm£ 4.00

Sunday August 8th

Afternoon Tea: With Poetry and Humour
Venue: The Gardens of 'Elphin' Thorpe Arnold.
3.00pm -5.00pm £7.50

Saturday September 4th

Late Summer BBQ. Venue: the Vicarage
26 Firwood Road, Melton Mowbray Time:
12.00 noon. £7.50

Long Clawson

JUNE 2010

**June 4th St. Remigius:
Morning Prayer (every 1st Friday of the
month) 9.30a.m.**

**June 6th: St. Remigius:
Evensong 6.30p.m.**

**June 13th St. Remigius:
Prayer Book Communion 8.30 am:
followed by breakfast**

**ALSO Churches open during W.I Sale
Trail (Baptist closed 11.00 - 12.30).
Stalls at: St. Remigius in aid of
'Rainbows':**

**Methodist Church: In aid of Holiday Club
funds.**

**Saturday June 19th: MEN'S BREAKFAST
'On The Sands' Café 8.30 a.m.
Enjoy a full cooked breakfast.
Limited tickets: 'phone Glen on 01664-
822854 or Eric on 01664-822140**

**Sunday June 20th: Methodist – join
St. Remigius – Family Service 10.30 a.m.**

**Saturday June 26th: Village Fun Day at
Village Hall: Clawson Christians Together -
teas and refreshments
St. Remigius - Cake stall (contributions
gratefully received!)**

**Sunday June 27th: St. Remigius – Holy
Communion 10.30 am: Come and join us!**

**“4th Sunday Event” Sunday, 27th June:
3.00 p.m: Long Clawson Methodist Church
Schoolroom: Craft, Music, And Interaction
Followed by tea.
For more details call Andrew on 07947 106082**

Sage Cross Methodist Church Melton Mowbray

Open Garden on Saturday 12 June: at the
home of John and Vera Wakerley, London Lane,
Willoughby on the Wolds from 3.00pm to 8.00pm
(with refreshments). Proceeds for Building for the
Future Fund.

**'Don't Shoot the Pianist or the Organist' -
an evening with John Duckworth: Friday
25th June: 7-30pm:**

Venue: Sage Cross Methodist Church &
Community Centre. Admission: (including
strawberries and cream), Tickets: £6 (from John
Hanson. Tel: 01664 - 854748) or £7 on the door. In
aid of: Building for the Future Fund.

Thorpe Arnold Church

Monday May 31st. The Melton Show
Visit the Church stalls Cakes: Tombola: Plants

THORPE ARNOLD VILLAGE FESTIVAL is 17th to 20th June. For full details see the pull-out in the centre of the May magazine.

St. Mary's Church Melton Mowbray

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB During the week August 9th -13th we will be running a morning Holiday Club for the 5-11s. We need as much help as we can get, with refreshments, crafts, group work etc. Can you offer? If you would like to know more, please let the Vicar or the Rector know ASAP. This is a great opportunity to reach out to children in our parish; do help if you can.

MELTON DAY: MONDAY 31st MAY The Church will be open to the public from around 9:30am through to around 4pm; times subject to weather & crowd conditions on the day! There will be musical treats, trips up the tower & refreshments available throughout the day. We need someone who will co-ordinate the provision of refreshments on the day to help make it run smoothly. If you think you could help with this important outreach please contact either Kevin or the Churchwardens. Help is also needed to: prepare the church on Sunday after the 6pm service & from 8am on Monday, provide refreshments, prepare food, serve refreshments, steward & help during the day, help clear up in the afternoon. ALL offers of help will be gratefully accepted. Please would you sign up on the sheets at the back of the Church as soon as

possible. If you want further information, please contact Andrew Nutter on 481083.

Punch & Pudding, with Raffle & Table Sale

Saturday 5th June From 5pm At Mary & Arnold Browne's home 13 Needham Close, Melton Mowbray. £5 Entrance Fee includes Pudding and first glass of Punch

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY There are still a few places on the 31st July – 7th August trip (which includes a Rhine Cruise) & the 18th – 27th August trip. For more information contact the Rector as soon as possible.

MELTON IN BLOOM We are pleased to announce that Sir David Samworth has generously donated £500 to be used on the following project: the North West Border of the churchyard to commemorate the link between Sir Malcolm Sargent & St Mary's Parish Church, where he spent 10 years as organist & choir master. This donation has been given to Melton in Bloom on the understanding that they oversee the planning & planting of this project. Work is expected to start in the near future & we are very grateful to Sir David for making this possible. This will be of great interest to both the local community & the many visitors who come to our town. Ann Spawton, Melton in Bloom.

THE SAMWORTH CENTRE:

To book rooms or equipment, please ring Hayley on: 01664 503521

CAFÉ @ THE CENTRE: To arrange catering or buffets, please ring Christine on 01664 - 503525

St Mary's Church Melton Mowbray: For Church bookings, please ring Linda on 01664 - 503530. To book Concerts in Church, please ring Mary Browne on 01664 851457

When coming to the Samworth Centre please always report to the reception office first.

June

Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th Thorpe Arnold Village Festival

Thursday 17th – A Celebration of Wine in the Church. A good fun evening with wine and nibbles £10.

Friday 18th – Xtra Factor – A talent competition in search of the musical talent of Melton and district @ Church Farm. Finals commence 7pm. £5; concession £3

Saturday 19th Open Church 10am to 4pm with Art and photographic exhibition. Children's guitar group, Hand bell ringers, Organ recitals. Saturday evening – Black Tie Dinner at Church Farm. Music and Dance. Tickets £25

Sunday 20th – Village Fun Day 10am to 5pm. Display of Classic Cars and agricultural machinery. Irish Dancing displays, Karate displays, Dog Show, Craft stalls, Bouncy castle, side shows. All day refreshments, lunchtime BBQ, licensed bar. Car Boot sale in the paddock

Launde Abbey

For further information about any of the following events or to book please contact Launde Abbey on 01572 717254, via e-mail laundeabbey@leicester.anglican.org or visit www.launde.org.uk

19th – 20th June 2010: Retreat for First Time Retreatants: Led by the Warden

A retreat is an opportunity to step out of ordinary life to look at life afresh in quiet reflection and prayer, deepening our relationship with God. On this retreat there will be a series of talks by the retreat leader, which aim to give you themes to work gently on during the periods of silence that will follow. There is the companionship, even in the silence of the other people on a similar journey and the offer of a good rest! Price: £80.00 including all meals and accommodation.

12th – 18th July 2010: CARM: Embroidery & Prayer: Led by Stella Poloshek (Chaplain) and Annabel Barber (Tutor)

With an interesting slant on modern embroidery, this retreat is appropriate for machine and hand sewers, beginners and those with some experience. It will particularly appeal to those who use embroidery with other textile arts, such as patchwork, quilting and fabric painting. We will explore 'Integration' using Biblical texts and poetry by Hafiz and one evening will look at the Amish, their quilts, lives and spirituality. Price: £315.00 per person (shared occupancy) or £340.00 per person (single occupancy), including all meals and accommodation.

26th – 28th July 2010: Three Day Individually Guided Retreat: Led by Glenn Martin

A retreat just for you!! A time to be still and a time to reflect. A time to listen and to be listened to. A time for you and a time for God. A time for you and a time for God. A time to rest and a time to be refreshed. An individually guided retreat is an opportunity to enjoy some time apart with a spiritual guide to accompany you each day. The retreat will be silent throughout to enable you to encounter the mystery of God in prayer, Scripture, worship and space. Price: £165.00 including all meals and accommodation.

26th – 30th July 2010: Walking Holiday: A Journey of Exploration of God, of Self and the East Midlands: Led by the Warden

This holiday will be a spiritual journey, involving prayer, meditation and worship. However, the main daytime activity, not surprisingly, will be walking. It is expected that car sharing between those coming on the holiday will be mutually agreed. Participants should be able to undertake walks of several hours duration (up to about 14 miles in a full day with breaks, although distances will be varied to suit the ability of the group). Please bring suitable footwear and weather attire. Price: £235.00 per person (shared occupancy) or £250.00 per person (single occupancy), including all meals and accommodation.

QUIET DAYS A ND DAY COURSES

Launde Quiet Days: On Mondays: 10th May 2010, 7th June and 5th July 2010
Launde Abbey Quiet Days are held monthly and are open to everyone. The outline of the day is

usually as follows: - coffee at 10.00 am, followed by a talk, a short service in the Chapel and lunch. In the afternoon there will be a second talk, Holy Eucharist followed by tea and cake at 4.00 pm. Price: £25.00 for 'Friends of Launde Abbey' and £30.00 for others, including coffee, lunch and tea. Everyone is welcome.

23rd April 2010, 28th May and 22nd June 2010: Encountering Spiritual Companionship: Led by the Warden An opportunity to explore different Christian traditions using prayer, reflection and sharing. Price: £60.00 for 4 sessions or £55.00 each (also on 26th March 2010).

LAUNDE ABBEY FLOWER FESTIVAL & OPEN DAYS

Annual Flower Festival and Open Day: 29th – 31st May 2010.

This year we are inviting churches across the dioceses of Leicester and Peterborough to join us in our celebration of spring (and of course, remaining open) by donating a floral decoration for display in the Abbey buildings and/or grounds over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Our theme for the Flower Festival is 'Renewal', following the start of our renovation works in January 2010 and we hope that your church will be able to take part in this fund-raising event, either by donating a floral display or helping in some other way, such as serving teas and lunches or running a Launde stall. If you would also like to raise money for your own church funds then for a small fee you could take a stall in the grounds or run a car boot stall on the Bank Holiday Monday. .

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If you would like to take part, in any way, please contact Colin Towell or Suzanne Page in the first instance on 01572 717254 or e-mail suzanne@launde.org.uk to discuss how you can help.

Flower Festival Preview Evening: 28th May 2010 be the first to see the beautiful floral decorations in and around the Abbey buildings, with sparkling wine and canapés followed by Choral music in the Abbey's Chapel. Price £12.50 per person.

Sunday Afternoon Teas: July and August (except 8th August) Come and enjoy a delicious cream tea in the gardens at Launde, perhaps followed by a walk in the beautiful grounds. The Launde Shop, plant stall and Chapel will also be open. Open 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm every Sunday from 4th July until 22nd August 2010 (closed 8th August). Coach parties are very welcome by prior arrangement.

The Aims of the Newsletter and How to Insert Notices:

The Framland Focus is your Deanery Newsletter – The aims are to:

1. encourage a Deanery Identity
2. encourage wider participation in events across the Deanery
3. bring members of the Christian community of churches closer together
4. inform others of events, prayer groups, new initiatives, special services, updates on new beginnings, new incumbents, and to enthuse and encourage fellowship with others

5. It is published monthly in the middle of the month. (E.g. dates for October will appear in the September Issue and so on)
6. If you would like to include items, articles, events etc in the newsletter please send an email the editor: [Francis Stapleton at: framlandfocus@btinternet.com](mailto:framlandfocus@btinternet.com) **by the 15th of month**

This is your Deanery Newsletter use it, and encourage others to use it or lose it.

The recommended format is:

- Type of Activity, Parish, Location
- Day, Date, Times
- Information about the activity, 5 lines or so. It is helpful to include an indication of suitability for children, disabled people, parking etc.
- Contact Information, Price
- The accuracy of the contents is the responsibility of the sender of the message.
- The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the Editor.
- Please print this for members of your church or others who do not have e mail.
- Please place a copy at the back of your church for members to read.
- Please remember to print on both sides of your paper to help to protect the environment.
- If you would like a new person to receive the newsletter, please put their address in the CC box above and reply to this message. Or

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